

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

Wednesday - 5 March 1958

### House Resolution 496

**RESOLVED**, That there is hereby created a Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration to be composed of 13 Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker, 7 from the majority party and 6 from the minority party, one of whom he shall designate as chairman. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

The select committee is authorized and directed to conduct a thorough and complete study and investigation with respect to all aspects and problems relating to the exploration of outer space and the control, development, and use of astronautical resources, personnel, equipment, and facilities. All bills and resolutions introduced in the House, and all bills and resolutions from the Senate, proposing legislation in the field of astronautics and space exploration shall be referred to the select committee. The select committee is authorized and directed to report to the House by June 1, 1958, or the earliest practical date thereafter, but not later than January 3, 1959, by bill or otherwise, with recommendations, upon any matters covered by this resolution.

For the purposes of this resolution, the select committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to sit and act during the present Congress at such times and places whether or not the House has recessed or has adjourned, to hold such hearings, to require the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, and to take such testimony, as it deems necessary. Subpenas may be issued under the signature of the chairman of the committee or any properly designated chairman of a subcommittee, or any member designated by him, and may be served by any person designated by such chairman or member. The chairman of the committee or any member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.